



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Paul (nmi) Klocek, et al.  
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 Group Art Unit: 2874  
 Examiner: Hemang Sanghavi  
 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SWITCHING OPTICAL  
 SIGNALS WITH A PHOTON BAND GAP DEVICE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.